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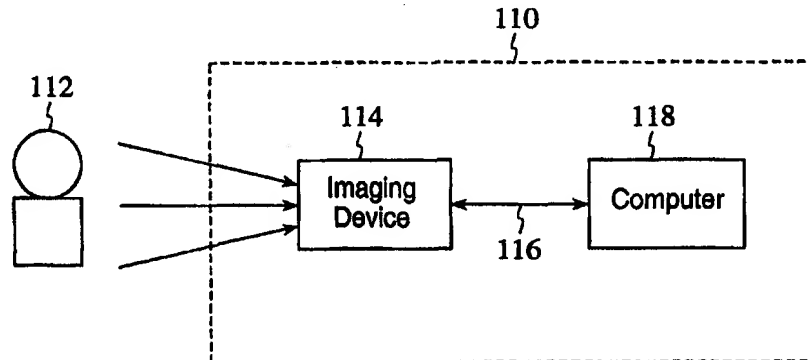
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(54) Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DYNAMICALLY UPDATING FEATURES IN AN ELECTRONIC IMAGING DEVICE



(57) Abstract

A system and method for dynamically updating software-driven features in an electronic imaging device (114), including digital cameras, is disclosed. The user of the electronic imaging device (114) may desire various features which are not supported by the baseline application program that is built into the electronic imaging device (114). In the present invention, the user may select removable memory devices to supplement the baseline application program. The user inserts the removable memory device (354) into an external connector (352) of the electronic imaging device. The computer (118) of the electronic imaging device then automatically scans the removable memory device (354) for executable software items, and displays these items in various menus as appropriate. The user may then select these items for execution without having to reboot the computer of the electronic imaging device (114). When the user is finished using the features on the removable memory device (354), he may remove it with no subsequent operator intervention required. The computer (118) of the electronic imaging device (114) then automatically removes from the appropriate menus the executable software items that had been added.

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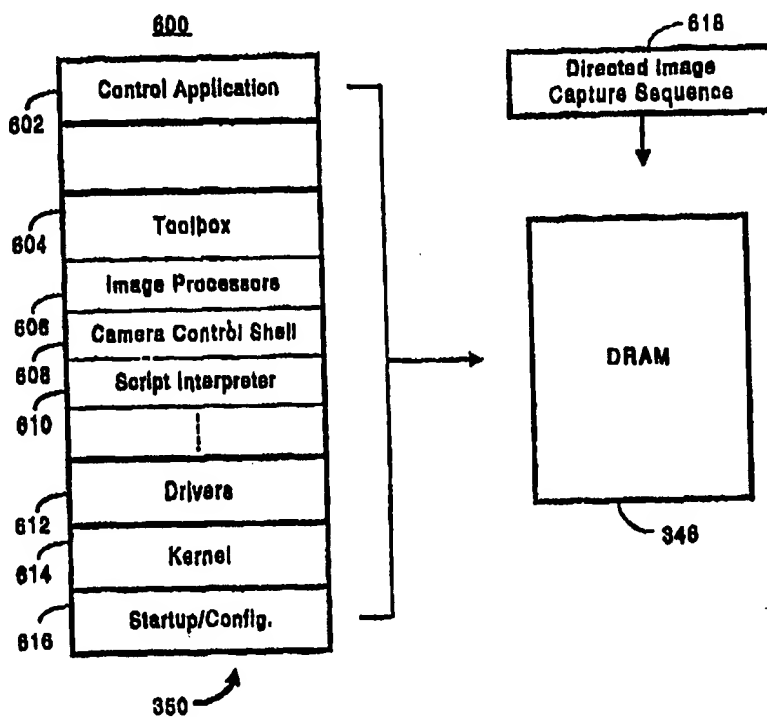
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(54) Title: DIRECTING IMAGE CAPTURE SEQUENCES IN A DIGITAL IMAGING DEVICE USING SCRIPTS

(57) Abstract

A method and system for controlling user interaction in a digital imaging device that includes a display screen. The method and system include providing the digital imaging device with a directed image capture sequence (618) that comprises a set of program instructions, which when executed, display interactive instructions on a display screen that prompt the user to perform specific operations. In response to the user performing these operations, the interactive instructions are automatically updated to thereby guide the user through a series of related image captures. The directed image capture sequence is preferably written in an interpreted scripting language (610) and loaded into the camera from an external source to add functionality to the digital imaging device.



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(57) Abstract <p>The present invention comprises a method and system for implementing Internet access to images stored in a digital image capture unit including an imaging device and display. The image capture unit (e.g., a digital camera) is used to capture images and store them within its internal memory. The image capture unit accesses an ID server via the Internet and registers its identity and Internet address with the web server. A user subsequently accesses the image capture unit by entering the identity of the image capture unit into his web browser. The web browser, using standard Internet protocols, then queries the ID server with the identity of the image capture unit and retrieves the Internet address. The Internet address is subsequently used to access a web page hosted by the image capture unit and display the web page to the user. The web page provides access to the stored images within the image capture unit.</p>		

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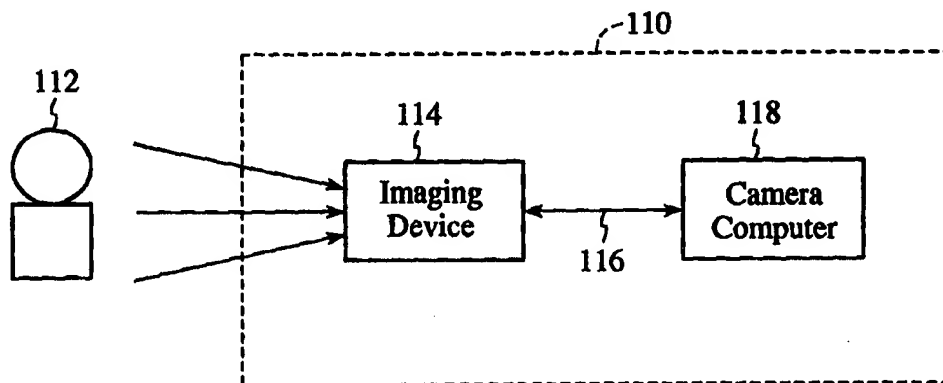
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(54) Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE AUTOMATIC CAPTURE OF SALIENT STILL IMAGES



(57) Abstract

An electronic imaging device (110) for the automatic capture of salient still images of the image (112). The device further having a camera computer (118) for detecting a high contrast image and notifying the presence of the high contrast image and controlling the exposure of the device for selecting salient still capture mode, and storing salient still images in a computer readable storage medium.

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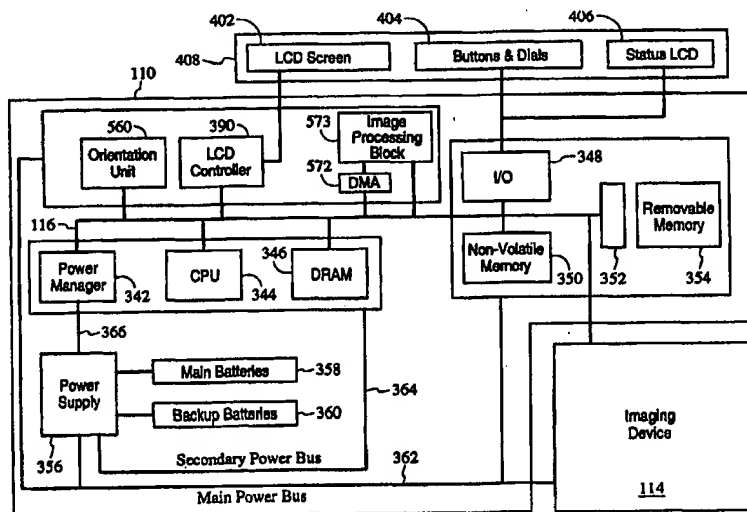
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(57) Abstract

A system and method for adding file formats to a digital imaging device is disclosed. The digital imaging device includes a built-in file format. The method and system include allowing a user to load a first file extension module, providing a management layer, and providing a plurality of data processing utilities. The first file extension module includes a second file format. The management layer communicates with the first file extension module to write and read an image file having the second file format. The management layer also communicates with a portion of the digital imaging device using an internal format. The plurality of data processing utilities are for converting data to between the second file format and the internal format.

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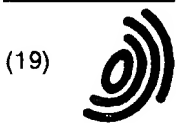
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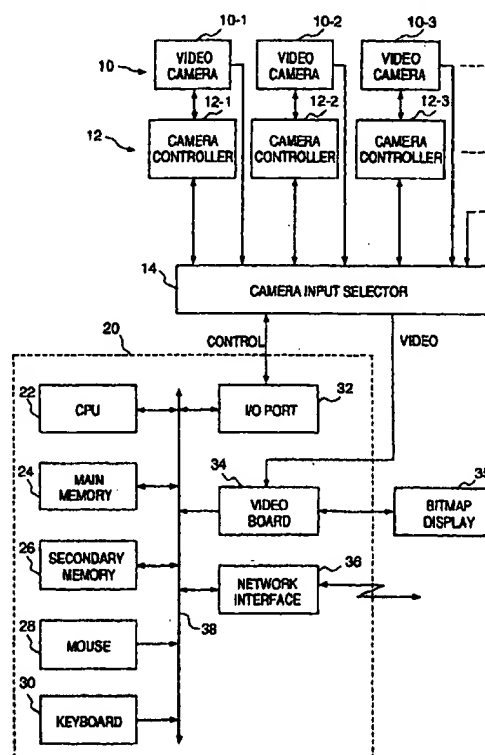
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(54) Camera control system

(57) A camera control system having a plurality of cameras connected to a network, enabling users to be informed of such as status of use of each camera and each user's access right in a real-time manner. The system, where one of cameras controllable via the network is selected and video-display of output from the selected camera and operation of the camera are controlled, has camera-status display device for real-time displaying the statuses of at least two cameras.

FIG. 1



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